

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page 7, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 19 with the following:

Fig. 1 shows a container 1 according to the invention, provided with a bottom 2, two first sidewalls 4 and two sidewalls 6 extending at right angles thereto. The first and second sidewalls 4, 6 are connected by integrated first hinging elements 8 to the longitudinal edges of the bottom 2 while, each time, a first sidewall 4 is connected to a second sidewall 6 via a second hinging element 10, also integrated. In the first sidewalls 4, third hinging elements 12 are provided which define folding lines including an angle α (with folded-out container 1) with the second hinging elements 10, for instance 45 degrees. The third [second] hinging elements 12 reach from near an angular point 14 of the bottom 2 to a point near the middle 16 of the top longitudinal edge 18 of the respective first sidewall 4. In the exemplary embodiment shown, the height H1 of the sidewalls 4, 5 is equal to approximately half the width b of the bottom 2, which corresponds to the length of the first sidewall 4. Thus, the third hinging lines 12 divide the first sidewall 4 into a first triangular sidewall surface 20 and two second triangular sidewall surfaces 22 located on the opposite side of the third hinging means 12. The second sidewalls 6 are rectangular and cannot be folded together in the exemplary embodiment shown.

On page 8, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 6 with the following:

The first, second and third hinging means 8, 10, 12 are designed such that the centers 16 for folding-in the container 1 can be pushed towards each other, while they are automatically forced in the direction of the bottom 2. In Fig. 2, a part of a container 1 is shown, cross-sectioned along a plane through the centers 16 and the center of the bottom 2. It is clear that here, the center 16 of the respective first sidewall 4 is forced in the direction of the bottom 2, while a perpendicular bisector 24 through the center 16 is pivoted on the bottom 2 such that, with the container in collapsed condition as shown in Fig. 3, it extends along the axial line 25 [26] of the bottom 2. The third hinging element 12 ends up resting diagonally on the bottom 2 while the second hinging element 10 ends up lying parallel to the first hinging means 8 of the first sidewall 4. Fig. 3 shows the container 1 according to Fig. 1 in folded-in condition, while the third hinging elements 12 are shown in broken lines.

On page 9, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 21 with the following:

Fig. 6 shows a third embodiment of a container 1 according to the invention, again provided with a bottom 2 and first and second sidewalls 4, 6 connected thereto via first hinging elements 8. Again, the height of the sidewalls 4, 6 is approximately equal to half the width of the bottom 2. In this embodiment, again, second hinging elements 10 are provided as well as fourth hinging elements 26 and a fifth hinging element 28, all as described with reference to Fig. 4. However, in this embodiment, third hinging elements 12' [12] extend diagonally from a top angular point 30 between a first and second sidewall 4, 6 and the center 32 of the first hinging element 8 connecting the respective first sidewall 4 to the bottom 2. Again, the second hinging elements 10 and third hinging element 12' [12] include an angle α of, for instance, approximately 45 degrees. As shown in more detail in Fig. 12, in the bottom 2, four sixth hinging elements 34 are provided. Each sixth hinging element 34 reaches from a corner 14 of the bottom 2 to an intersection 36 on the axial line 28, at least the respective fifth hinging element 28. In the embodiment shown in Figs. 6 and 12, two intersections 36 are provided, at a mutual distance d, while, each time, a part of the fifth hinging element 28, a first hinging element 8 and a sixth hinging element 36 enclose a bottom wall surface 38 having approximately the same shape and size as the first sidewall surfaces 20.

On page 13, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 13 with the following:

In Fig. 16, a further alternative embodiment of a container 1 according to the invention is shown, again comparable to a container according to Fig. 6, wherein, however, in the sidewall 4 three fourth hinging elements 26 are provided, parallel to each other and to the second hinging elements 10, while, each time, between a second hinge line 10 and a fourth hinge line 26 or between two second hinge lines 26, respectively, third hinging elements 12' [12] are provided, forming first and second sidewall surfaces 20, 22. The third hinging elements 12' [12] form a corrugated profile. In the bottom 2, three fifth folding lines 28 are provided parallel to each other, and four sixth folding lines 34, enclosing four first bottom surfaces 38. The container 1 according to Fig. 16 can be compared to two containers according to Fig. 6 arranged next to each other, while the second sidewalls 6, abutting in such a construction, are omitted. Such a container can be folded together in a comparable manner, the middle fifth hinging element 28 remaining in its place and the two sidewalls 6 being moved towards each other in that the two remaining fifth hinging elements 28 are moved

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upwards, resulting in the earlier described collapse. It will be clear that in a comparable manner, also wider, low containers can be designed.